

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ho for the telephone interview held on March 28, 2005. During the interview, Claim 1 in combination with the subject matter of Claim 2 was discussed. The Examiner indicated that such an amendment would place the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, with this response, Applicants are amending the independent claims to further clarify the invention and place the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 2, 8, and 12 are allowable. Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Admitted Prior Art found in the background of Applicant's application and U.S. Patent No. 6,606,685 to Huxoll (hereinafter "Huxoll").

In accordance with the telephone interview, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1, 6, 7, and 11 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Claims 2, 8, and 12 have been canceled. In addition, Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 13 were amended to specify certain abbreviations used in the claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. As a result of the amendments made to the claims, Applicants assert that Claims 1-14 are in condition for prompt allowance.

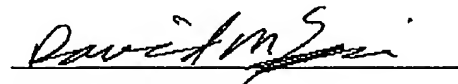
CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. As a result of the amendments made to the claims, Applicants assert that independent Claims 1, 6, 7, and 11 are in condition for prompt allowance. Applicants have not specifically traversed the rejections of dependent Claims 3-5, 9-10, or 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), which depend from independent

Claims 1, 6, 7, and 11, but believes those claims to be allowable by depending from an allowable claim.

Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the dependent claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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